Application no. 10/823,992

Amendment dated: March 27, 2006

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REMARKS

Claims 1-4 are pending in the application. By this paper, claims 5-7 have been cancelled. Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested in order to place the application in condition for allowance.

The final office action indicated that claims 1-4 are allowable but that claims 5-7 stand finally rejection. It is respectfully submitted that the cancellation of claims 5-7 herein places the application in condition for allowance. Applicants thank the examiner for the finding of allowable subject matter, but applicants reserve the right to re-file cancelled claims 5-7 in a continuation application claiming the priority of the present application. Claims 5-7 are cancelled not to accede to the rejection but to expedite the allowance of the present application.

With this response, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the examiner deem a telephone conference to be of assistance in advancing the application to allowance, the examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number below.

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